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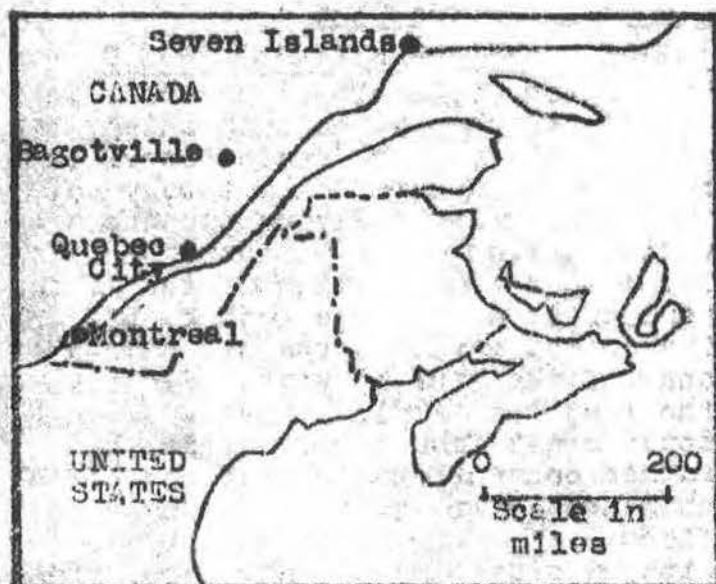
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CANADIAN PILOT SILENCED?



On December 10, 1960, a Trans-Canada Airlines pilot, Captain C. Ward, saw a spectacular flash of "aurora-like" colorplay in the skies Saturday evening. Several other fliers in the air over eastern Canada and New York state also saw the phenomenon.

Capt. Ward of flight 455 said he saw the sight "within two minutes either way of 5:39 pm. EST," and that it lasted about 20 minutes.

Flying in the vicinity of Bagotville, Quebec, on a run from Seven Islands to Montreal, he first noticed what seemed to be a circular aurora, reddish in color. Above the center rose "diffuse white cloud formation." The whole configuration became brighter toward the center, then radiated outward "almost like an explosion."

Capt. Ward is certain he saw what he claims, because he established contact with a Lufthansa jet in the vicinity, the captain and officers of which corroborated his report. He says that he and Lufthansa flight 420 were also in contact with an unidentified CF-100 interceptor of the RCAF which substantiated the sighting.

The personnel aboard a TCA flight over Albany, N.Y. communicated to Ward that they too saw the aerial display, but that to them the center seemed to be orange, not red.

Added to the reports from the three other planes, the operator at the Quebec City airport tower also confirmed the brilliant lights.

Ward said that the original red center, flashing radiating rings that rippled brilliantly for about two minutes, reaching two distinct climaxes, soon gave way to a steady red glow, which faded after about 20 minutes.

Capt. Ward, who knows that he wasn't just "seeing things" because of the substantiation of at least nine other people in the varied locations, is all the more puzzled, since there has been no public report of the occurrence.

Capt. Ward, at the time, tried to find a plausible natural explanation for the phenomenon.

Ronald Anstee, investigating the case in Montreal told SS&S that he spoke to Capt. Ward on the phone after having contacted TCA. He spoke to

Captain Ward for about 20 minutes. He was told that he had never seen anything like it before. The red object was a little diffused, but the white object that seemed to separate from the top of the red one was clearly defined in shape. The two objects seemed to become smaller as if moving away on a straight line away from him and then seemed to become larger as if moving toward him. Capt. Ward was at 18,000 feet. The Lufthansa was at 39,000 feet and both crews saw the object at the same time.

On December 20, 1960, the Montreal tabloid newspaper "MIDNIGHT" printed an item about Captain Ward entitled "TCA PILOT SPOTS FLYING SAUCER?" In bold type underneath the caption was this paragraph: "Top secrecy has been clamped on the report by Captain G. Ward of Trans-Canada Airlines that he observed an Unidentified Flying Object on his run between Montreal and Seven Islands."

The story goes on to say that Captain Ward is a reputable, experienced pilot and is considered to be one of the best in TCA. The object was traveling at a moderately fast speed on a horizontal path. As it passed to the north of the aircraft's position and disappeared in the west, Captain Ward noted that it had a long blue tail. At no time did he hear any sound.

When Dorval airport first got the report, the first reaction was that the object was a large meteor.

But Captain Ward's report at the time of the sighting showed that there had been a solid 6,000 foot-thick overcast at 4,7000 feet. And meteors don't go that low!

After Mr. Anstee read the report in "MIDNIGHT", he contacted TCA by phone. Speaking to their public relations branch, he was told that as far as TCA was concerned, Captain Ward could talk to anyone he liked.

When first speaking to Captain Ward, Mr. Anstee told him he would send a stamped, self-addressed envelope for additional information but so far he has not replied. Mr. Anstee also got no satisfaction from the offices of "MIDNIGHT".

These questions remain to be answered: Is there any connection between the "MIDNIGHT" report of Capt. Ward being silenced and the sighting by the crew of a RCAF CF-100 interceptor? Do the Air Force Intelligence have any control over TCA air crews?

We are grateful to Mr. Anstee for his reporting of the incident to SS&S and clippings supplied from The Montreal Star, Dec. 12, 1960; and "MIDNIGHT", Dec. 20, 1960. This story was also slightly mentioned in The Edmonton Journal, Dec. 12, 1960.

New Name for "SAUCERS"

'SPACE TRAVEL IN REVERSE' PROBED

Washington. (UPI) The Air Force, insistent that there is no such thing, has adopted the phrase "space travel in reverse" to describe the theory of those who believe flying saucers are visitors from other planets.

The latest presentation of the AF contention is a 164-page book by Lt. Col Tacker who says: "Certainly the experience of the last 13 years points up the fact that flying saucers are not space craft from other worlds, but rather conventional objects or aerial phenomena seen under confusing conditions."

Without disputing the Air Force statement, saucer enthusiasts can at least point out that some of the greatest minds of all times have wondered why there has been no space travel in reverse, in a universe presumably containing many planets with intelligent life. One of these great minds was Enrico Fermi, the Italian physicist who died prematurely after contributing as much as any other one man to construction of the atomic bomb.

Fermi once asked, "Where is everybody?" referring to intelligent life elsewhere under circumstances described by Dr. Ralph E. Lapp in a new book titled "Man In Space." The reason for asking this question is that our present society could well be at the A.D. 2,000,000 level technology today," Lapp says. "After all, the evolutionary process is keyed to statistical fluctuations, to random mutations. These could--on other planets or on this one, evolve biological systems at a rapid or sluggish rate."

WHAT HAVE ASTRONOMERS SEEN SINCE 1955?

Five long years have passed since the image-intensifier was attached to the telescope at Lowell Observatory, a forty-inch job as I recall. If anyone has seen the published results of their work I would like to know it. I haven't seen anything in Time or Life since then that would indicate continued use of the intensifier. Knowing American technology as we do, this gadget has certainly been improved and refined in five

years of research. The thunderous silence which followed that one, brief 1955 announcement grows more ominous with each passing

year. It emphasizes the widening, fatal gap between scientific research and the American public. Our taxes pay the cost of this research. How long will we tolerate the contempt of the leaders who keep us in ignorance, until the disease of complacency becomes fatal to our nation? Remember that revealing sentence in the U.S. Air Force manual which raised such a stink in Washington in March, 1960? Several national columnists picked it up: "The idea that Americans have a right to know what is going on is foolish." This attitude toward the public is common among military leaders. In fact it is drilled into them in service schools. But that this shabby deception should be practised by scientists in a nation who looks to science for leadership is a tragedy of the first water.

In his "Proceedings" for Jan. 15, 1954 George Van Tassel claimed: "The light first seen by our astronomers at the moon crater of Lichtenberg, in the 1830's and twice since then (the last time in 1951 for the duration of half an hour), was the little people replacing the lens over the city located underneath. Our astronomers were witnessing the reflection of the new lens as it was put into place. This also was what happened in 1948 in the 'crater' Plato."

Does anyone doubt that the 200-inch telescope at Palomar has been turned on the moon? Or that the image-intensifier has been used to amplify the light rays picked up by that huge lens? If so the truth or falsity of Van Tassel's claim has long since been established among a select few in our government, and there it is buried. All of which brings to mind a significant item given to us by Ric Williamson during his 1959 lecture tour. It occurred while he was in Europe in 1957 but for some reason was not carried by American papers.

"At 11:15 a.m., July 15, 1957, the steel dome of the government astronomical observatory at Rome, Italy burst into flame and disappeared in a few seconds. Professor Nomellini, of the observatory staff, was under the dome at the time. The burning and disappearance of the dome was such a shock to him that he suffered a heart attack and died."

I'm sure you'll forgive me for closing this little discursion with an apt quotation from Thomas Jefferson's letter to Dr. Benjamin Rush in 1800: "I have sworn upon the altar of God, eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man."

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by
Riley
Crabb

The next item was printed in the Polish newspaper CZAS (Times--G.D.) and translated into English by Mrs. S.F. Duplantier to whom we are thankful. Here it is...

In Austria, the International Police, 'Interpol' is in the process of serious investigation of a very unusual case.

An adventurer, one Mekis, a former member of Eichmann's Special Unit, former chief of the factory guard, former director of fashion house in Bolivia, former Austrian policeman, and recently adopted son of an Italian princess, had been introducing himself as a messenger from the planet Venus, whose "flying saucer" happened to accidentally get out of order.

Mekis told all those who were willing to listen to him that he came in the name of the citizens of Venus, in order to establish on Earth a base for a great army from Venus, which is getting ready for a "jump" to create a "universal government upon the Earth and establish everlasting peace." While waiting for the appearance of his superiors from Venus, Mekis was giving away passes and positions in the future world government.

Being in need of money and unable to contact his planet without the now disabled flying saucer, Mekis accepted the down payments for his favors. He had a lot of clients both in Austria and in Germany.

The Austrian and International Police listens in amazement to the statements of future councillors and ministers of the supposed world government. For it appears that the majority of this adventurer's clientele consists of dignified and generally respected civil officers and citizens. Among Mekis' victims there are even some officials in the higher bracket of Austrian and German administrations. As we see there is no limit to human naivete. (CZAS, Winnipeg, Manitoba, March 8, 1961)

VANCOUVER, British Columbia SIGHTING
On January 2, 1961, Herbert Clark of the Vancouver Area Flying Saucer Club visited Lena Zand of 4535 E. Hastings to get her own account of a sighting

made by her and two other youngsters on December 22, 1960. "This was during the afternoon. What time was it?" "Ten minutes to three". "How many were there with you?" "One". "What were you doing at the time of this event?" "I was baby-sitting at a little girl's who was sick". "What did you see when you looked out of the window?" "I saw one object as big as the moon. It had little 'ditches' on top, it was yellowish in color. Then it went away and came back and it was black, then it went away and I never saw it again. Then I phoned the 'news' it was in one place when you first saw it. Did you see it move in any direction?" "It was 'twirling around' quite fast, you could see it twirl". It gave you the impression that it was spinning. But you did not see it move either up or down or to the side?" "No. I only saw it (in one place) then it 'flashed away'. It just disappeared from sight." "This expression 'it flashed away' did it just seem to disappear, or did you think it moved away?" "I think it just disappeared, I did not see it move."

"The second time you saw it, was it approximately in the same place that you saw it the first time?" "Yes, it was in the same place". "Your impression was that it was round. Describe a little more the marks you saw on top." "It was round, with these little ditches on top--three or four. I don't know just how many there were. They were a sort of indents were they?" "Your impression of the size again?" "It looked as big as the moon". The point of the time which these sightings lasted? "Well, the first time was about two minutes, then it went away and it came back, and was black, then a few minutes it went away, then I phoned the 'news'."

Two little boys said they saw "the moon flying". Lena is of Dutch extraction and is eleven years old. The object appeared to be over South Vancouver, and was seen from the Hastings East area. (Credit: Herb Clark, Vancouver Area Flying Saucer Club, Vancouver, B.C. from their January bulletin.)

MIAMIAN STIRRED ABOUT SAUCERS

A recent announcement by the U.S. Air Force declaring "an end to the flying saucer era" has been branded hogwash by a Miami believer in UFOs.

Norbert Gariety, 39-year-old Coral Gables photographer and editor of S.P.A.C.E. Magazine (it stands for Saucer Phenomena and Celestial Enigma) said yesterday he believes the U.S. Government "sooner or later" will come out with the truth.

And the truth, said Gariety, a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, is that there are extra-terrestrial spacecraft -- from other planets or from other solar systems.

Some of them are manned and others are remote-controlled from mother ships. And they've been looking Earth over for years.

Over a 13-year period, the Air Force said it investigated more than 7,000 reports of "flying saucers" and it has failed to turn up a single inter-planetary space ship.

The A.F. said they're "astronomical phenomena, bright stars, comets, meteors, flying aircraft, weather balloons, birds, kites, searchlights, mirages, hallucinations, etc.

Lt. Col. Lawrence Tucker's recent book, "Flying Saucers and the USAF," emphasizes that "no material evidence has been found.

Said Gariety, "It means simply the AF hasn't caught one yet--although there is proof that U.S. jets have fired shots unsuccessfully at UFOs.

Gariety became interested in space as a hobby in 1956 after he and his wife Evelyn, spotted a UFO over Miami.

"We were driving on Flagler Street near SW 51st Avenue at 8:15 am. We saw a stationary object in the sky, like an oval of bright white light and shaped like a football.

"For my wife, it was the second time she had spotted a UFO. The first time was in 1951 at the St. Lawrence River in upper New York. She watched it chased by two jets. It was round, disc-shaped with a dome on top."

S.P.A.C.E. monthly has subscribers in 49 states (but not Hawaii) and 14 foreign countries, he said.

Gariety said: "There are a lot of Miamians who believe in UFOs, but who haven't seen them with their own eyes. "The entire concept and possibility of these craft is more accepted now than five years ago.

"Successful important space projects and missile programs of the U.S. and Russia have made Americans more aware," he said.

Gariety quoted German professor Herman Oberth, who said that "UFOs do exist and are very real. They are visitors from outer space."

Astronomer Dr. Howard Shapley, of Harvard Observatory, once said that "there are at least 100 million inhabited planets in the universe. We are not alone."

Man doesn't know how life first originates on a lifeless planet, but since men are on Earth, he knows it does.

Reasoned Gariety: "Isn't it fair to suppose it has also originated on many other planets in space?"

Why don't the spacemen and women land, then? "Well," said Gariety, "maybe they can't get along well or at all in Earth's atmosphere. Maybe they don't know of us. Maybe they do not like our practice of war."

Apparently, though, Gariety offered, they are not hostile. "They're just friendly observers."

The A.F., in an Operations and Training Bulletin last year, said, "Unidentified Flying Objects must be rapidly and accurately identified as serious USAF business in the Zone of Interior."

The directive added that investigating officers "should be equipped with binoculars, camera, Geiger counter, and magnifying glass and have a source for containers in which to store samples."

"This is very indicative. The Geiger counter as equipment means that the AF takes seriously the radiation involved where UFOs have either landed or hovered near the ground.

"Containers in which to store samples means a refutation of the old AF denial of ever finding any physical or material evidence concerning UFOs." (The Miami News, Jan. 8, 1961) S.P.A.C.E. sub. rate are \$3.00 per year for 12 issues.

Write to Mr. Gariety at 267 Alhambra Circle, Coral Gables, Florida, U.S.A.

**FROM MARS: A TESTED REMEDY FOR ALL
OUR ECONOMIC ILLS**

By Bruce Hutchison

It is encouraging to hear that Mr. Gabriel Green, of Los Angeles, is running for the presidency of the United States as the candidate of the "Space People," the voters of distant planets. They surely have a right to representation in the politics of this world when we are preparing to invade theirs. Besides, these advanced cultures can offer us some useful advice.

As it happens, I was talking only yesterday to a visiting statesman from outer space and, as he observed, his own planet of Mars had long ago discovered and mastered most of the political doctrines that are merely in the experimental stage on our backward earth.

"Like you," he said, "we were once troubled by the problem of unemployment but we finally cured it. Admittedly our first attempts were rather crude and unsatisfactory. The government put most of the unemployed to work studying the causes of unemployment and that helped a good deal.

"Then one of our distinguished prime ministers invented the device of royal commissions which, with their experts, provided many jobs and did little harm since no one paid any attention to their reports and another commission could always be appointed to investigate the previous investigations.

"Yet somehow," the visitor recalled, "a hard core of unemployment remained until we realized that our trouble stemmed from the mismanagement of the money system. When that simple fact was grasped the solution appeared easy.

"We unbalanced the budget on a strictly scientific formula, swamped the market with refunding bonds, inflated the currency and, as a symbolic gesture to impress the public, we executed the head of the banking system with appropriate ceremonies and general feasting.

"He died quite bravely, for a banker, as if he didn't care to live any longer, his last words warning us that we had attempted to live beyond our means. The poor man had lost his reason.

"I am bound to say, though, that these

heroic measures didn't overcome all our difficulties. Everybody had plenty of money, the worker needed a large truck to carry home his weekly wages but since they wouldn't buy anything there were certain rumbles of discontent. "It was then that we hit on the true cause of our poverty. Cheap foreign goods, of course.

"As you will find on this primitive planet, cheap goods will destroy any economic system. But the answer was really so obvious that I wonder we didn't think of it before.

"Every nation prohibited imports, kept its money at home and thus created jobs for the unemployed. As a further step, no province in any nation was allowed to trade with another, no city with its neighbors.

"Naturally, a few wars resulted from the conflicts between nations, provinces and cities but they were valuable, too.

"They employed a lot of people and the victors were further employed in reconstructing the ruined economies of the vanquished and preparing for the final war which will fix everything in a single flash. The genius of our statesmen is an inspiring thing to contemplate.

"Still, even their courageous policies didn't ever quite cure all our problems. By now, it is true, our economic system was superbly administered, the farmers were subsidizing the urban population with tariffs, the urban population was subsidizing the farmers, everybody was subsidizing everybody else, millions of unemployed were given jobs calculating the subsidies, the old age pension was raised regularly at every election, the work week was reduced to one day but somehow goods kept piling up, unsold. "Happily at this point of desperation the ultimate truth was revealed to us. We perceived the curse of the machine. So we simply smashed it. Not a single machine remained.

"The last wheel barrow was unearthed by the police a few years ago and its owner imprisoned according to the Bill of Rights.

"That was the end of all our troubles. Once every family had to make all its own goods at home, by hand, there was

Work for everybody. I can assure you that there is not a single man, woman or infant unemployed on our planet. All are at work twenty hours a day just getting enough to eat.

"Though no one eats much, he is too busy to complain. The ancient riddle is finally mastered.

"You earthlings," the Martian statesman concluded, "will eventually achieve these remedies after a few centuries of experiment. But in the meantime I am applying for a permanent resident's visa on Earth and if you could spare a quarter for a sandwich I would appreciate it."

HOW DOES OUTER SPACE MAN SMELL?

The Fourth International Unidentified Flying Object Congress was recently held in Bonn, and it is a matter for regret that our correspondent there did not include in his dispatch the full majesty of its German designation. Even in English, however, it sounds much more fun than the average international gabfest and by a happy coincidence its initials--FIUFOC--are practically onomatopoeic, reproducing as they do the sort of sound which (one imagines) a flying saucer makes in transit. Many hundreds of enthusiasts attended the reunion, and a leading German rocketeer claimed that no fewer than 70,000 people had been vouchsafed a sight of a saucer.

But surely he ought to have said "no more than 70,000 people"? Considering how conspicuous these objects are, over how many years their visitations extend, and how crowded our planet is, it seems odd that the host of witnesses should be so small, that the happy should be so few. One reason may be that the navigators from outer space seem to have a preference for the Californian desert, a sparsely populated area. Here one of the earlier saucers landed as long ago as 1935, disembarking (according to Dr. Carl Anderson, who happened to be on the spot) an ambassador from Mars who introduced himself as Kumar. The plenipotentiary was blue-eyed, sun-tanned, and of medium height, he smelt of ozone, but as to whether this was attributed to body odor or to the use of a deodorant, Dr. Anderson is to

this day in honest doubt.

The small point well illustrates the delicate problems involved in establishing social contacts with our extra-terrestrial visitors. They seem, fortunately, to be conversant with the language spoken in their target areas (though four males and two females from Saturn who came down in Nebraska in 1957 struck R. Schmidt--also from California--as having a strong German accent). We know, however, nothing about their code of manners, and it must always be an extraordinarily tricky business choosing the right conversational gambits in the opening phases. Perhaps one of the most urgent tasks facing FIUFOC is to get out a small--and, alas, necessarily empirical--guide to etiquette on these occasions. There seems, it is true, to be no record of any of these saucer folk taking offence, or behaving with anything but benevolent urbanity; but since there is, equally, no record of any of them ever coming back again, we cannot afford to regard with complacency the history of our social relations with outer space. (The Owen Sound Sun-Times, Nov. 28, 1960--from The London Times Weekly Review)

SUDAN VILLAGERS SEE FLYING CITY

Khartoum, Sudan (UPI)--Maybe it was just a mirage but four villages in western Sudan think they saw a city flying through the air the other day. Khartoum newspapers printed reports from Abuzabad that the villagers saw the city "complete with high buildings and trees" sailing slowly through the air last week. Authorities here said they were investigating. (Deseret News and Telegram, Salt Lake City, Utah. Credit: James D. Wardle, Salt Lake City.)

SKY MYSTERIES UNIDENTIFIED

London (Reuters)--An air ministry spokesman said Wednesday the ministry has been unable to take further action in connection with mysterious objects reported in the skies over a large area of western England last Friday night. The spokesman said that the ministry has not received any authenticated reports, and until it has been given more details such as the object's height and positions in the skies, it could not take further action. (Chron/Herald-11d-760)

There are many mysteries surrounding the visitations to our planet by non-terrestrial spacecraft. At times, the lack of sensible answers to the questions pertaining to these mysteries becomes quite frustrating to many individuals, sometimes reaching the point of great mental strain. In a desperate effort to find answers to these mysteries, they soon begin accepting everything they read and hear about the alien craft.

There are probably a hundred books on the subject, many written by people who claim contact with occupants of

THE CRAFT FROM

By Robert J. Gribble

Ninety five percent of the "contact" books contain information which, the authors claim, comes direct from the non-terrestrials. The information is so fantastic and ridiculous that it is a mystery in itself how any publisher would print it, let alone anyone believing it. Yet thousands of people believe it because this is what appeals to them in the form of an acceptable answer to their questions.

As an example, the question of why the aliens are here has resulted in the publication of a carload of different answers--all of them sugar coated. The believers of these tales blindly accept answers such as: The aliens are here to save us from war by stopping it before it gets started; the aliens are here to save us from the great earthquakes which will precede a great change in the topography of our planet.

The slaughter of 31,000 American men in the Korean war discounts the no war dream, even though non-terrestrial spacecraft were seen in great numbers over the Korean battlefield during that conflict. The aliens have made no attempt to evacuate areas which they apparently knew were going to be hit by a violent earthquake. The loss of human life in the recent

earthquakes in Iran, North Africa, Chile and the state of Montana would hardly give support to the so-called messages from the beings from other planets, that they would save everyone from such a horrible fate, even though all of the effected areas reported spacecraft activity before the quakes hit.

To date, there is not so much as a shred of evidence to support the theory that the aliens are here to save us from anything. There is, however, a mountain of evidence which indicates that they are here on a 'defensive' mission.

It appears they will let us carry on our wars as long as they do not threaten the planet. Their interest in the earthquakes would indicate that they are interested in the stability of our planet which is in orbit with other planets--possibly the aliens home ports.

After all, how would you feel if the planet Mars disintegrated and the remains started smashing into poor old Earth.

Those who peddle fantastic tales of sugar and spice and everything nice about the non-terrestrials, are leading thousands of good people down the road to great disappointment. Someday, the believers of all this fiction will have to accept the truth. Then what?

Rest assured, they, the non-terrestrial beings, are here to take any action necessary to prevent our endangering them.

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HUMAN OR INHUMAN?

By Leslie Smith

The following article caught my attention in the newspapers some time ago:

'UNSAFE' PLANES DELIVERED WITHOUT NUTS AND BOLTS --- Lockheed Aircraft Corporation of Burbank, Calif., has paid \$6,000 in fines for delivering to three airlines a number of Electra planes that had been so inadequately inspected they were considered unsafe.

Eastern Airlines, inspecting two of the jets last April some weeks after their delivery, found an industrial-type vacuum cleaner in the fuel tank of one plane.

In the fuel tank of another they found a rivet squeeze gun, 20 screws, and a piece of a paper cup.

American Airlines, inspected 34 Electras last March and April, found instances in 14 of the planes of missing bolts, bolts of improper length and bolts that had worked loose.

Western Air Lines in October, 1959, found trash in the left wing area of an Electra after Lockheed had conducted a major wing inspection.

Western's inspection of another Electra last April disclosed cracks in a wing section ranging in length from 4 1/2 to 33 inches and a sealing compound in some of the cracks. End of quote.

I have been accused many times of being "too particular" on a job with the ensuing remark, "Why worry, it isn't that important." If this is a person's attitude it can become a habit. A badly put-together aeroplane may mean lives, but would a person such as I've mentioned give it sufficient thought and change his basic attitude? How many perfectionists are there? And even they aren't infallible.

Inspectors, I imagine, are screened, but humans being what they are, perhaps the screeners aren't particular enough. Who screens the screeners?

So, in a month or a year we hear about another plane crash. Some U.F.O. investigators are too quickly inclined to blame a crash where a plane appears to fall apart in the air and there is no immediate explanation, on extra-terrestrial origin or some natural element generated in the air by too much radioactivity. Perhaps these can't be discounted entirely, but how about the human element?

If you find this hard to believe visit one of your larger airports and inspect the engines of a trans-continental plane such as a Vanguard, Britannia or a Boeing 707. A few months ago a million dollar missile blew up because of a faulty .25% part. It takes many, many imperfect people to put one very complicated machine together and inspect it from the time it begins on the drawing board to the time it leaves on its first commercial flight.

Air accidents are due to that human element much more than we would like to admit.

CONVENTIONS...

Fourth Annual Space Craft Convention
at Buck's Mountain View Ranch, Mountain View, Missouri, Rt. 1. June 24, 25, 26, 1961

Borderland Sciences Research Assoc.
Many famous names in saucerdom attending. Held at Harmony Grove, Calif., July 1, 2, 3, 4. 1961.

National Conclave of Faithists, at Esene Security Ranch, Montrose, Colorado. June 21-28, 1961.

Annual Science-Fiction Midwestcon, at North Plaza Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio. June 23, 24, 25, 1961.

Planetary Congress -- date undecided, Hayama-cho, Kanagawa-ken, Japan.

Symposium of Space Flight, June 19-21, 1961. Louveciennes, France.

Warren Light Center, this summer, more information can be obtained from Inc. Gallagher, 412 Ravenna Rd., Newton Falls, Ohio, U.S.A. To be at Franklin, Penn.

BRIEF BITS

Jan. 14, 1961--Clifty Falls, Indiana. An executive (name withheld) saw a huge white light the size of a kitchen stove with two exhausts. Hovered for 45 mins and then disappeared instantaneously. It wasn't too high because of low cloud ceiling. It was pitch black outside & pouring rain. Time...early evening. (Credit: Dorothy Lefler, Cincinnati, O.)

Feb. 9, 1961--Galt, Ontario. Cecil Woods of Ainslee Street South, called the Galt Evening Reporter on Monday night to report that he and his wife spotted a UFO or satellite Sat., Sun., Mon. & Tues. night in the western sky. It went from SE to NW and was visible for three-quarters of an hour. It was silvery, larger and brighter than a star. (Cr: James Garrick, Galt, Ont.)

Feb. 27, 1961--Tokyo, Japan. Violent earthquakes rocked eastern coast of Japan off Kyushu and parts of Shikoku Island early today. (Vancouver Prov.)

Mar. 2, 1961--The civilian space agency reports that Russia's Sputnik VII, the 7 ton satellite launched Feb. 4 has burned up in the earth's atmosphere. (Owen Sound Sun-Times)

Mar. 2, 1961--An object flashed across the sky was recorded as a meteor at Cincinnati, Ohio. (Cr: D. Lefler)

Mar. 2, 1961--A loud 'boom' shook buildings and rattled glass in an area extending from London east to Stratford, Mitchell and St. Mary's in Ontario. (London Free Press)

Mar. 5, 1961--London, England--A large white object trailing a shower of sparks flashed across central & southern England just before 4 am. (New York Mirror, Crdt: Gladys Fusaro, Huntington, L.I.)

Mar. 17, 1961--Los Angeles, Calif., A flaming object flashed across southern California on Friday night over L.A.. (Buffalo Evening News. Cr: G. Fusaro.)

Mar. 17, 1961--About 2:50 pm a blast shook buildings across Eastern Erie County. Dr. Austen C. McTigue theorized it was a brontide. (Buffalo Evening News. Cr: G. Fusaro, Huntington, L.I.)

Mar. 27, 1961. Windsor, Ont. Mr. & Mrs. F. Weiss saw an enormous saucer with edges that turned to orange Monday night. (Toronto Daily Star, Mar. 29, 1961)

NEWS NOTES

Anthony Rudmann resigned unexpectedly as co-ordinator of GDUFOC, but will continue to edit their bulletin.-----

Mark Age has moved to a new address, 612 Dade Commonwealth Bldg., Miami 32, Fla.-----

Circle Delta Light Center edits a newsletter, write to them at Groom Creek Route, Prescott, Ariz.-----

Scientists are beginning to believe Earth has a comet-like tail reaching 20,000,000 miles or more in a direction away from the sun.-----

Soviet scientists are working on a rocket to go downward into the earth.-----

A furnace at White Oak, Md., can produce heat three times that of our sun's surface.-----

From 1955 to 1958 the Earth has slowed down, but speeded up again.-----

Photo were taken of a shooting star over Kharkov, Russia, falling at 56 miles per second, causing peals of thunder.-----

Author Earl Stanley Gardner is exploring the treacherous Baja California canyons and mountains where it is believed no man has ever been. Aerial photos reveal 2 crashed planes and a large concentration of animal bones elsewhere.-----

Radiation was present over the city of Mildura, northwestern Victoria, Australia, one-third the maximum dose considered safe. It was impossible to account for this apparent cloud of death.-----

Man may land on Venus after algae, having been dropped previously, had made the plants atmosphere suitable for humans.-----

A cigar shaped craft 70 feet long and 10 feet in diameter is under study at China Lake, California, to 'fly' down to 7 miles to the ocean's floor in an hour.-----

A Russo-Chinese expedition reported a "graveyard" of gigantic dinosaurs and other mighty beast of millions of years ago in the Gobi Desert.-----

Three scientists said that wax extracted from a meteorite points to existence of life on other planets.-----

A new hoard of 70 Dead Sea scrolls were accidentally uncovered about Mar. 15, 1961.

Gladys E. LeGrand of Star Route, Lake Isabella, California, edits a New-Age Bulletin. It is bi-monthly and those interested should write to her at the above address.